

the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Last year, both the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior embraced identical ICWA legislation. Additionally, Jane Gorman, the attorney for the Rost family embraced and supported passage of this legislation in the 104th Congress. The Rost case has been a sad and tragic case which was caused by an attorney who tried to cover up the natural parent's tribal membership and purposefully avoided checking with the grandparents and extended family of the children to see if the family was available to adopt these children. The sad part is that this attorney did not violate the law, but he inflicted sorrow on the Rosts, the grandparents of the children, and ultimately on the children themselves. This proposed legislation will impose criminal sanctions on attorneys who violate ICWA requirements in the adoptions of a native child. In closing, I believe we have acceptable legislation which will protect the interests of adoptive parents, native extended families, and most importantly, Alaska Native and American Indian children.

TRIBUTE TO JAIME "JIMMY"
RODRÍGUEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jaime Rodríguez, a successful Puerto Rican entrepreneur, a community activist, and a role model in the Bronx community.

Jimmy, as most of his friends and associates know him, is the owner of a very popular restaurant and sports bar in the Bronx—Jimmy's Bronx Cafe.

Jimmy's Bronx Cafe offers some of the best Puerto Rican cuisine in New York City. The restaurant's success is credited to Jimmy's managerial skills and superb taste for food.

As a young man, Jimmy was resolute in his studies as well as in following in his father's footsteps by taking interest in the seafood business. He learned the business from the ground up and had the opportunity to open the seafood restaurant "Marisco del Caribe." Later on, he expanded it to what is now Jimmy's Bronx Cafe.

A good friend and mentor, Jimmy has been committed to giving back to the community in which he was born and raised. Together with the Hispanic Federation of New York City, Jimmy helped to gather toys and hosted a toy drive at his restaurant this past "Three Kings Day," a Christmas tradition in Hispanic communities.

Jimmy has sponsored 106 little league teams and donates frequently to local charities. Among these, Jimmy donates food regularly to the home-shelter Teresa Haven and to the senior citizen center "Los Abuelitos." The Grandparents. Jimmy also contributes to Christmas in April, an organization which every year assists in renovating homes for senior citizens.

Besides his charity work, Jimmy participates in numerous community and advisory boards, including his membership with the Hispanic Federation of New York City.

As a visionary businessman, Jimmy has plans to open La Terraza Dinner Theater,

Bronx Tours Entertainment and Cultural Tours, and other restaurants, like Jimmy's Bronx Cafe, in various cities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jaime "Jimmy" Rodríguez for his entrepreneurial spirit and community activism which have served well our Bronx community and the Nation.

OUR FOUNDING FATHER'S ADVICE

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, a free society has to maintain a balance between healthy partisan disagreements and a destructive spirit of faction. Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD shared with her colleagues this last weekend a letter quoting George Washington's Farewell Address. I believe Members, staff and interested citizens will find her letter and our Founding Father's advice helpful as this 105th Congress develops. I submit the letter into the RECORD.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 1997.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: I am writing to share with you portions of George Washington's Farewell Address. I have recently revisited this timeless document and was stuck anew by the utter timelessness of our first American President's insights into the well-being and health of our great Union—even though President Washington penned these words over 200 years ago! As Members of the 105th Congress, we may do well to consider President Washington's admonitions to ensure productive government, sound legislation, and a strong Union:

"I have already intimated to you the danger of parties in the State. . . . Let me now take a more comprehensive view, and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally.

"This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but in those of the popular form it is seen in its greatest rankness and is truly the worst enemy. . . .

"It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another; foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passion. Thus the policy and the will of one county are subjected to the policy and will of another.

"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government and serve to keep the spirit of liberty. This within certain limits is probably true; and in governments of a monarchical cast patriotism may look with indulgence, if not favor, upon the spirit of party. But in those of the popular character, in governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit for every salutary purpose; and there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be force of public

opinion to mitigate and assuage it. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest, instead of warming, it should consume."

These words of one of our Nation's founders reiterate the historical mandate for Members of Congress to approach our representative roles in a collegial and bipartisan manner for the benefit of our country. If you would like a copy of President Washington's complete Farewell Address, please call my Chief of Staff Andrea D. Martin at 5-7924.

Warm regards,
JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD,
Member of Congress.

IN HONOR OF DR. GARY R. MAITA,
D.M.D.: AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AND VALUED COMMUNITY MEMBER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly unique individual, Dr. Gary Maita, whose dedication to his community will long be remembered by his family, friends, and community. Dr. Maita's longtime dedication to others will be honored with a testimonial dinner on March 14, 1997, at the F.A. MacKenzie Post in Bayonne.

This well deserved recognition will celebrate Dr. Maita's many selfless contributions. His odyssey of community service began at an early age when he attended both Assumption Grammar School and Marist High School. Here is where Dr. Maita's love of education and the interests of young people developed. He subsequently attended both Stockton State College and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and became a respected member of the medical profession. Many people in Bayonne and Hudson County owe their broad smile to the expertise of Dr. Maita.

Dr. Maita's life has been dedicated to the enhancement of the lives of the children of his community. His own attainment of the Silver Beaver Scout Award set the stage for a lifetime of meritorious achievement. Dr. Maita has served the educational needs of the boys and girls of the local area through numerous positions he has held in Hudson County; including, vice president of the Bayonne Board of Education, president of the Bayonne Council, Boy Scouts of America, and a sponsor of Bayonne Youth Soccer League. Children are not the only people fortunate enough to have benefited from Dr. Maita's exceptional commitment to the Bayonne community. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Bayonne Chapter of Unico, executive board member of the Hudson Liberty Council, and president of the Bayonne Chapter of Rotary International.

While Dr. Maita is always willing to lend a hand to others in his community, his heart belongs to his beloved family. He is the proud son of Anthony and Ann Maita, two pillars of the Bayonne area. Dr. Maita is married to the former Mariann Leszynski. This joyful union has brought a permanent smile to the faces of both Dr. and Mrs. Maita through the birth of their son, Andrew.

It is an honor to applaud the many accomplishments of Dr. Gary R. Maita. He has provided great joy and medical care to the lives